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They left Mormon Grove on the Missouri River, June 1855 with freight in company with his father, the father dying of cholera at Grasshopper Creek near Atcheson, Kansas. He and his brothers brought goods to Salt Lake City, Utah, and set up a store at the corner of First South and Main streets.

He was a school teacher at Heber, Utah, in 1862 and at Wallsburg in 1864, and carried the mail to Heber and back. He was the first school trustee at Wallsburg, organized the first school district and built the first school house in 1865.

He also took care of his 40 acre farm and his cattle, and a country store. They had a three-room house of lumber with a fireplace in the two front rooms. It was always kept painted. They had a fine team which they used to go to Heber to conference and to Salt Lake City to conference and the Temple. He and his wife took part in all the Church affairs. They gave much help to the poor and needy as they were blessed very much. They moved to Provo in 1900.

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MOSES MECHAM AND ELVIRA DERBY

Leonidas Moses Worthen Mecham was born July 22, 1804, at Canaan, Grafton County, New Hampshire, son of Joshua Mecham and Permelia Chapman. He married Elvira Derby on November 28, 1827. She was born in Grafton County to John Derby and Sarah Currier on November 6, 1811.

Shortly after their marriage, Moses and Elvira moved to Mercer, Pennsylvania. Here seven children were born. Then they moved to Kendrick, Iowa, where their child America was born. The glowing reports of the Oregon country started them westward.

In Iowa he engaged in the mercantile business, being very successful and prosperous. During 1938 he learned that his father's family and Joshua had joined the Church. Moses became much worried, for he had seen what bloodthirsty mobs had done where he lived.

He studied hard the LDS belief to see why his people had joined, but it seemed he could not obtain a testimony to the truthfulness of the gospel. One night he startled the members of his family by speaking in tongues. They had never heard such a thing before and supposed that he was delirious. While speaking in tongues he took the old family Bible and read from it, still speaking in tongues. His wife understood and started reading the passages to the family as he turned from one section to another in the Bible, all dealing with the restoration of the gospel. This experience convinced them that the gospel was true and they decided to apply for baptism. They

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traveled to Columbus, Adams County, Illinois, and early in March, 1839, he and members of his family were baptized by Elder James Tomlinson at Nauvoo, Illinois.

After joining the Church, Moses and his family returned to Lee, Iowa. During this period he met persecution along with the rest of the saints, losing his mercantile business and other possessions. Moses, along with his father, Joshua, and his son, Clinton, had the privilege on several occasions to act as a bodyguard for the Prophet Joseph Smith.

On June 29, 1849, Moses was ordained a Seventy by Elder Joseph Young. On December 30, 1845, he and Elvira were sealed to each other, along with other members of their family, in the Nauvoo Temple.

They moved to Van Buren, Iowa, then to Council Bluffs. In 1853, Moses, Elvira and the unmarried children moved to Utah Valley, settling at Lehi, where he had charge of the toll gate at Jordan Narrows for about a year. Their last child was born there.

From Lehi they moved to Provo, where Moses taught school several years. He had his feelings hurt through a misunderstanding with a leader in the Church, which he couldn't bring himself around to forgiving. This caused him to lose the gift he had been blest with from the time of his conversion, that of speaking in tongues. He quit teaching school and moved to the mouth of Provo Canyon as toll keeper. Here he planted an orchard and garden. The young trees just started to bear when a flash flood cut a channel through his little farm and destroyed most of it.

This experience humbled him and gave him the spirit of forgiveness, thus helping him to become happy again. His health was very poor the last years of his life.

A few nights before his death he told his daughter Martha that she could speak in tongues if she desired, which she did immediately, strengthening the testimony of the family.

WILLIAM OSCAR MECHAM AND ETHEL SUMMER MECHAM

William Oscar Mecham was born April 13, 1891, son of Lewis Lafayette and Sarah

Ann Richins Mecham of Wallsburg. He married Ethel Sumner, who was born April 3, 1890, daughter of Thomas Sumner Jr. and Alice Elizabeth Clayton Sumner of Provo. William O. died June 16, 1959.

William attended BYU three years and was on the BYU wrestling team in 1913. He was a stockman and a farmer. He worked as a machinist in Bingham for some time. He acted as secretary of irrigation companies and the Cattle Association for a number of years, and was a ward clerk. He was superintendent of the Sunday School and YMMIA. He played the violin for programs and for the dances several years.

Ethel was a telephone operator for years and worked in a hospital for awhile.

Their children are: Dee S., Tom Udell and Sharff.

SAMUEL D. NICHOLS AND LUCETTA E. HARDY

Samuel D. Nichols was born May 25, 1857, at American Fork, Utah, and Lucetta E. Hardy, born August 31, 1862, at Mountain Green, Morgan County, Utah (another source has the place of birth as Ogden, Utah), daughter of Lewis Ogeah Hardy and Clarinda Jane Doffelmyre, were married March 20, 1878.

They moved to Wallsburg, Wasatch County, Utah, during the year 1883 or 1884. They had the following children: Ernestine, Eddie, Earl H., Pearl, Elmer D., Maud, Samuel E., Lewis Leo and Clyde Jay.

Somewhere between the years 1888 and 1892, Uncle Sam bought the farm, about one or one and one-half miles from town (east). As I remember, it was a well-kept farm with a white house and a white picket fence, nestled among the trees, where the townspeople spent many a May Day. It was a perfect setting for braiding the Maypole and playing games. The farm was such a nice place for parties for both young and old.

Prior to buying the farm, Samuel Nichols owned and operated a store on the corner where the Susie Davis home now stands.

The people in Wallsburg were so friendly. For example, the older people were having a party at the Nichols farm when, early in the evening, some of the men men-